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Those who hold elective office have the power to affect your life through legislation. They can pass laws which can help protect you from discrimination and bashing or they can encourage such behavior. They can provide funding for proper health care for HIV+ people and women with breast cancer, or they can make it more difficult to get care and services. They can pass laws

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which can oppress or protect. What's more, they will definitely be making these types of decisions during their term in office, which may last up to six years after this election. As such, they have considerable potential to affect your life. By voting, you can have a say in who will be making these decisions, and thus influence decisions directly impacting your life as a lesbigay person.

USING THIS GUIDE

The Guide is designed to be used either by itself, or in conjunction with information on other issues important to you. It is not a slate, and nothing in this guide constitutes an endorsement. Both ratings and written summaries must be used together for a clear evaluation of a candidate; they do not stand alone. They show the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates across the spectrum of lesbigav issues. Sometimes, candidates may be equal overall in ratings, but differ on their strengths within the range of lesbigay issues.

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Besides providing information about candidates running for various offices, this guide can also be used to help determine districts where potential candidates supportive of lesbigay civil liberties need to be found and encouraged to run. Indeed, we encourage this.

Sources of Information

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters obtains information for this guide from various sources: a questionnaire sent to each candidate; voting records; mass media such as Out!, PGN, Au Courant, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Altoona Mirror, the Erie Times, newswire services, other organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund, and other miscellaneous sources. Although we do everything we can to ensure the accuracy of all information in the Guide, because of the complex nature of data collection, we cannot assume responsibility for inaccuracies in the information presented in the guide, if any exist.

SUBJECTS COVERED

We have covered certain areas of general concern for lesbigay people.

Equality: The area of equality concerns issues of discrimination and protection from discrimination. This includes questions like whether they would hire a qualified, openly lesbigay person or support anti– discrimination legislation.

Violence: This area addresses the problem of hate crimes against lesbigay people... lesbigay bashing. Many points refer to the Hate Crimes Bill, which deals with lesbigay bashing like other hate crimes in PA: by providing enhanced punishment for such crimes. LGLV advocates for this bill.

Couples: Under this subject, issues such as benefits for same-sex couples and recognition of same-sex couples are addressed. This is done primarily with the goal of attaining the legal tools necessary to care for our partners as well as our married heterosexual counterparts can.

Insurance: This involves issues of life and medical insurance discrimination.

Custody: This subject deals with discrimination in child custody, adoption and foster parentage. Often, lesbigay parents face road blocks in attaining custody of their children after a divorce simply because of their sexual orientation. Sexual orientation can also be a road block in the adoption of a child or in becoming a foster parent because of negative stereotypes against lesbigay people.

AIDS: This topic includes a range of issues dealing with AIDS, including education, treatment and research. Also including are topics such as mandatory HIV testing and associated social policy issues.

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire sent to each candidate covers a range of issues. Different types of questionnaires are sent depending upon the race. The following is a composite of all the types of questionnaires sent:

- Should government at any level have the right to regulate private consensual adult sexual behavior?
- 2. Do you support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal government programs?
- 3. Would you appoint a qualified openly gay person to your staff?
- 4. Would you appoint or approve a qualified openly gay person to a governmental position?
- 5. Do you believe a parent's sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions?
- 6. Do you believe an applicant's sexual orientation should be grounds to deny, or in anyway influence, that person's opportunity to adopt a child or become a foster parent? If yes, please explain your answer.
- 7. Do you support repealing the ban against lesbian and gay people in the military?
- 8. Do you support the recognition of marriage, or some legal equivalent (such as domestic partnerships), for same-sex couples?
- 9. Do you support extending health and welfare benefits to same-sex couples where at least one member of the couple is employed by the state?
- 10. Harsher sentences are often meted out for crimes motivated by racial and other prejudices. Do you believe crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation should likewise be considered an aggravating circumstance in sentencing the offender (for instance, as proposed in SB 1218, the Hate Crimes Bill)?
- 11. Do you think health insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
- 12. Should they offer gay/lesbian couples the opportunity to purchase family health insurance coverage?
- 13. Do you think life insurance companies should be allowed to deny insurance or raise rates based upon sexual orientation?
- 14. How much funding would you support overall for AIDS programs in the next fiscal year? Please give dollar amount, and explain why you support this figure.
- 15. Please break down this figure into major categories (such as research, treatment, services, and education), or attach a copy of your budget.
- 16. What modifications would you make in current policies for the care and treatment of People With AIDS (PWAs) (drug approval, home care, medical subsidies, etc.)?
- 17. What would you not change about current policies for the care and treatment of PWAs?
- 18. What modifications would you make to current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
- 19. What would you not change about current policies addressing public and government education on AIDS?
- 20. Should HIV testing be mandatory? If yes, for whom?
- 21. Do you support the protecting the confidentiality of a person with regard to their HIV status?
- 22. Please add any other relevant facts or opinions. Include as much information as you like. Please cite relevant legislation, testimony, or activities, if any, with which you have been involved.
- 23. What message would you like to send you the lesbian and gay voters in Pennsylvania?

Legend

✓ - Excellent
 ✓ - Good
 O, → - Neutral
 ★ - Unsatisfactory
 NB - No Basis for Evaluation
 ✓ - Democrat
 ← Republican

THE LEAGUE OF GAY AND LESBIAN VOTERS

This publication is a project of the League and is the tenth of many voter's guides we will be publishing. It is also the first statewide issue we have published, in two editions. The next will be available prior to the general election in Fall of 1994. The first was published for the primary election of 1988. It is the result of the hard work of our members, the cooperation of our friends, and the support of our advertisers.

We welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact the League and express your views about the guide.

The League of Gay and Lesbian Voters is a nonpartisan organization concerned with issues of special concern to the lesbigay community in Pennsylvania. Our primary activities involve voter registration and education of voters, legislators and candidates, and legislative advocacy. While we do rate candidates on various issues of concern to the lesbigay community, we do not endorse.

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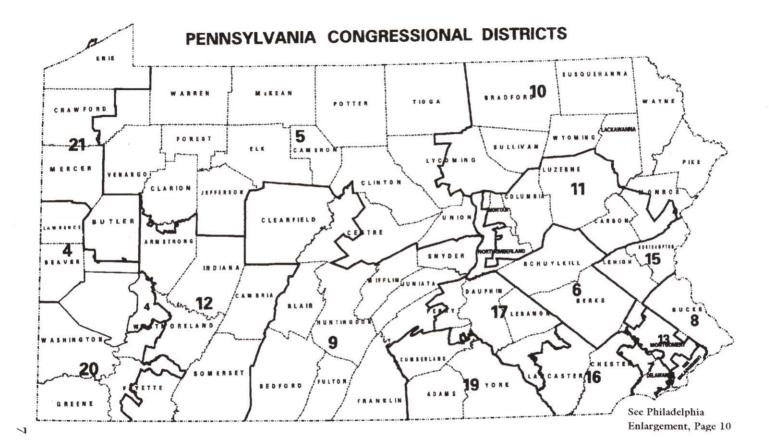
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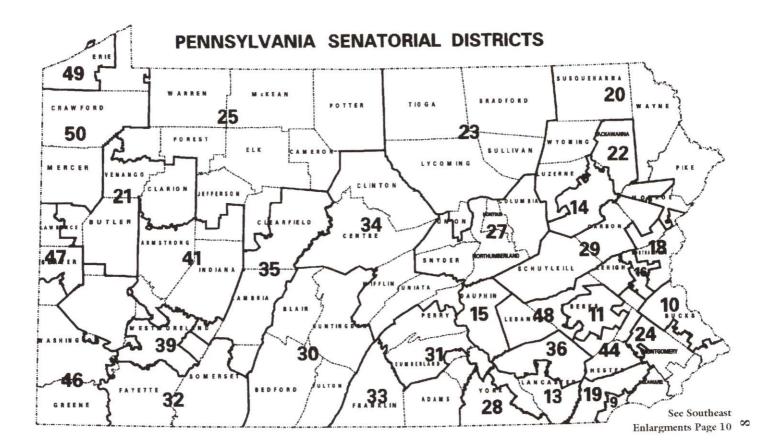
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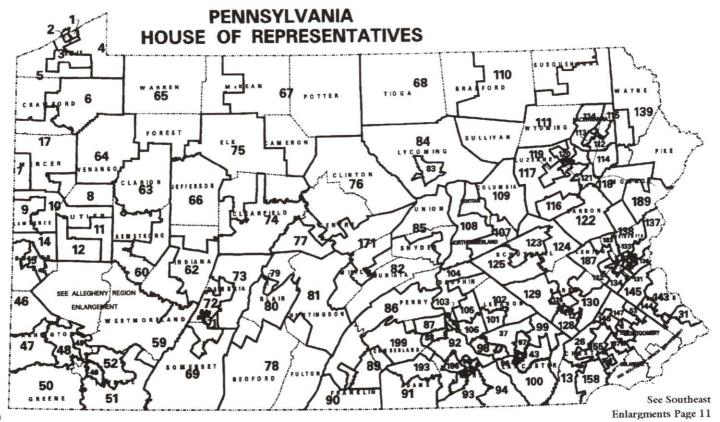
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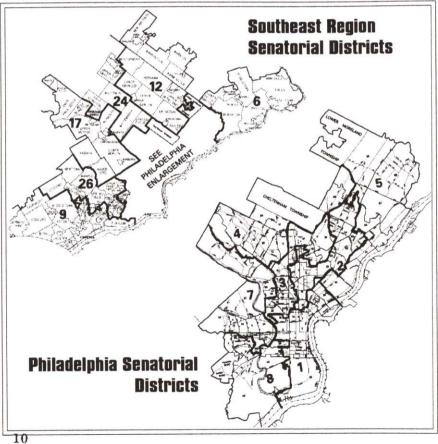
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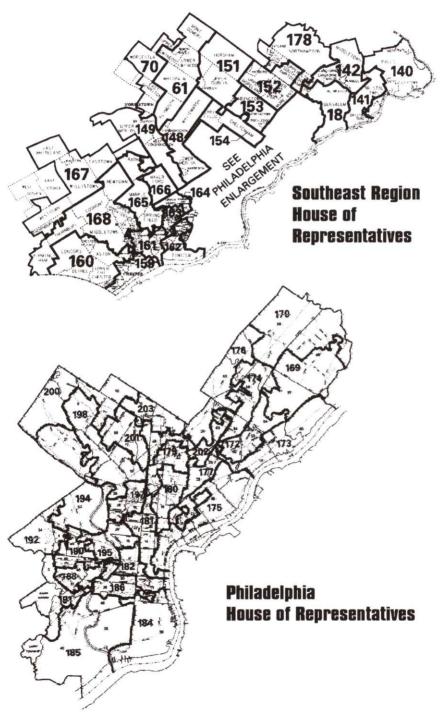












US Senate

Harris Wofford

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Opposed the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals.
- ✓ Voted to allow Washington DC to implement its domestic partners ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.

Rick Santorum

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office"
- * Voted for the codification of an immigration ban against HIV+ individuals.
- * Opposed the implementation of Washington, DC's domestic partners ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people from the military.
- ★ Voted to prohibt schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

Joe Watkins 🚘

- ✓ Has openly gay members on his campaign staff.
- ✓ "I will lead the charge to extend these most basic of human rights to <u>ALL</u>
 Americans, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. All Americans must be assured the opportunity to grow, prosper and reach the fullest of personal potential in all areas relevant to employment, housing, public accommodations without regard to preference or sexual orientation."
- ✓ "Government must get off the backs and out of the bedrooms of all Americans."
- ✓ On recognizing same–sex relationships for inheritance and tax purposes: "although non–traditional domestic relationships... are contrary to my religious beliefs, I respect their intended legitimacy within the secularism of civil law."
- √ "History... tells us of [lesbigay people's] fine service to our nation and the
 world. Continued duplicities only hurt the soul of our nation."
- ✓ "I will work diligently with members of the AIDS Service community in developing comprehensive and coordinated health and social services... in rural areas, as well as metropolitan centers."
- ✓ Would work to withdraw exclusivity from orphan drugs determined to be unreasonably priced.
- Believes in mandatory HIV testing for health care providers, and food handlers, though also generally believes in maintaining HIV status confidentiality.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Santorum	NB	××	NB	××	0		
Wofford	NB	✓	NB	×	/		
Watkins	11	11	✓	11	✓		

Governor

Dwight Evans

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- "As governor, I would look to my secretaries of Health and Public Welfare as well as the AIDS advocacy and provider organizations and the medical community for guidance on policy direction."
- ✓ Believes HIV "education, prevention, voluntary testing and counseling services should be widely available and disseminated as broadly as possible."
- ✓ Conducted a special hearing on AIDS programs and funding in his capacity as the chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

Catherine Baker Knoll

- ✓ As State Treasurer, established a non-discrimination policy in the Treasurer's office which included sexual orientation.
- On AIDS policy: "I would take my cues from the experts: people with AIDS."
- "I offer hope and I have the courage to fight for fairness whenever and wherever necessary"

Bob O'Donnell

- ✓ Has previously supported the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- ✓ Has openly lesbigay volunteers on campaign staff, and a key staff member for the past six years is openly bisexual.
- ✓ "One of my first priorities would be to convene a nonpartisan, voluntary statewide AIDS task force to analyze present funding levels and the effectiveness of different programs" and to provide input on policies regarding people living with AIDS. Nominations would come from AIDS organizations, and from the lesbigay community. "I want to find the success stories and replicate them."
- √ Was a volunteer attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union working on discrimination cases involving sexual orientation.
- ✓ If elected, "I will be the first Governor in this state's history to make an open commitment to the gay and lesbian community and the problems, challenges and triumphs it faces."

Mark Singel

- ✓ As Lieutenant Governor, proposed that the state establish a permanent funding source for community—based AIDS service organizations.
- ✓ "We must stop referring to some people with AIDS as 'innocent victims,' implying that others are somehow guilty. We must stop talking about how AIDS is creeping into the 'general population'. Since 1981, persons with HIV infection and AIDS have been in the general population."
- ✓ Advocates extending bereavement leave to any person "with whom a state employee makes his or her home."
- ✓ Supports paying insurance premiums for low and moderate income PWAs who
 have lost their private coverage due to disability, unemployment or inability to pay.

- ✓ Supported adding sexual orientation to Penn State's nondiscrimination clause as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- ✓ Has appointed openly lesbigay people to his staff.
- ✓ "The issues of job discrimination, fairness for domestic partners, health care and
 hate crimes are too important for elected officials to ignore any longer... I
 recognize the need for all of us to work together to improve the lives of all
 Americans, regardless of sexual orientation."

Phillip Valenti

★ Follower of Lyndon LaRouche, a right-wing extremist and convicted felon. LaRouche supports quarantining People with AIDS, and has generally expressed anti-lesbigay sentiments.

Lynn Yeakel

- ✓ "I will support and sign legislation on civil rights protection."
- ✓ "I will support and sign legislation to expand the Pennsylvania Hate Crimes Bill
 to include protection for gay and lesbian people."
- ✓ "I will work to ensure that health care reform proposals provide adequate
 coverage for people who are HIV positive or who have AIDS."
- √ "I will support local anti–crime, anti–violence groups and will protect the rights
 of crime victims."
- ✓ As leader of Women's Way, endorsed the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Has raised funds for lesbigay and women's organizations.

Mike Fisher 😭

- *Ran a virulently anti-lesbigay radio ad claiming lesbigay people were plotting to be included in St. Patrick's Day parades in Pennsylvania. He claimed he would prevent this from happening. The issue itself was nonexistent, since there are no known efforts in this direction. It appears to have been an effort to manufacture a "homosexual threat" issue for the campaign.
- * Main opponent of Outcome–Based Education (OBE), the debate on which largely centered around the (incorrect) idea that the OBE rules would require teaching tolerance of lesbigay people. Fisher alined himself with right–wing, anti–gay extremists, and has become their point man in the Senate.
- * As a trustee for the University of Pittsburgh, voted against providing domestic partnership benefits to university employees in same-sex relationships.

Sam Katz 🖈

Although Katz courted the lesbigay vote when running for Mayor of Philadelphia two years ago, he has not done so this year. His campaign declined to answer the League questionnaire, saying they "don't want to discuss social issues until after the primary."

Ernie Preate

✓ As Attorney General, included information on hate crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation in his annual report on hate crimes in the state.

- ✓ Verbally endorsed the Hate Crimes Bill, though did not actively seek its passage.
- * Has been accused of unequal enforcement of indecency laws in Philadelphia

Tom Ridge 🖈

- ✓ Cosponsored the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protected disabled people from discrimination, including people with AIDS.
- √ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ★ Supported bills which would have explicitly allowed discrimination against lesbigay people in employment.
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- * Voted to prohibt schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

No response or data - #: Charles Volpe; #: John F. Perry

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Evans	/	1	/	11	✓	/	
Fisher	××	NB	××	NB	NB	NB	
Katz	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	
Knoll	✓	/	✓	1	/	/	
O'Donnell	11	1	/	11	/	11	
Preate	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB	
Ridge	×	NB	××	11	NB	×	
Singel	/	NB	/	/	/	11	
Valenti	××	NB	NB	NB	NB	××	
Yeakel	11	1	1	11	/	11	

Lieutenant Governor

Philip Berg

- ✓ "AIDS funding will be one of the highest priorities of my administration. As President of the Senate, I will push through legislation supporting additional AIDS funding in all areas."
- ✓ Has been openly soliciting support of the lesbigay community, as he did in his run for governor in 1990.

✓ "I... am a true believer in individual rights and will do everything in my power
to protect and defend the rights of gays and lesbians, registered voters or not,
although I would urge all lesbians and gays, as I urge all individuals, to register,
participate, and exercise their right to vote."

Tom Foley

- √ "As Lieutenant Governor, I will... fight to ensure that no Pennsylvanian is
 denied opportunities based on his/her status."
- ✓ As Pennsylvania Secretary of Labor and Industry, implemented a policy against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

David Mayernik

- ✓ Although he voted against the Hate Crimes Bill in 1990 as a state legislator, he subsequently reviewed his position and supported it in 1992.
- ✓ Cosponsored the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- "It is generally not my policy to answer questionnaires."

Karen Ritter

- ✓ Supports Governor's \$1.4 million AIDS budget increase. "I believe that State
 AIDS funding is seriously inadequate, and I would support annual increases."
- ✓ Supports shifting \$2 million from the under-utilized Special Pharmaceuticals Benefits Program (SPBP), to be used to stabilize and expand existing services, as requested by the PA Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations (PCASO).
- ✓ Supports PCASO's efforts to expand the range of covered drugs and supplies in the SPBP, and to expand the income guidelines.
- ✓ On the Health and Welfare Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, voted for a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✓ Believes in a more direct and open approach to AIDS education. This would include discussing prevention and transmission, including materials on condom use and safer sex.
- ✓ Cosponsor and strong proponent of the Hate Crimes Bill. Spoke in favor of the bill when it was being debated on the House floor.
- ✓ From the debate on the Hate Crimes Bill: "Bigots who are unsure of their own sexuality have... singled out homosexuals for special treatment through violence."

John Saler

- ✓ Believes some of the funds for prescriptions should be reallocated for services instead
- √ "We need a state formalized distribution system similar to New York's AIDS
 Institute which sets up funding levels and policy. Pennsylvania has no formal
 AIDS plan."

No response or data – ₱: Daniel Hilferty, John Morris, PJ Stapleton; ₱:Thomas Rippon, Mark Schweiker

	Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Berg	1	1	/	1	✓	1			
Foley	//	1	/	✓	/	1			
Ritter	11	11	11	11	11	11			
Saler	✓	/	/	/	NB	/			

US Congress - District 1

Thomas Fogleitta

- ✓ Cosponsor of federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill .
- ✓ Supports "Gay and Lesbian Youth Suicide Prevention Act".
- √ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships
 ordinance.
- ✓ Voted against the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✓ Voted against the ban on immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- √ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided
 protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- √ Voted against prohibiting schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

Roger Gordon 🖈

- √ Supports repealing military ban of lesbigay people.
- ✗ Does not support prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- Has a problem with mandatory AIDS testing "unless you show me a compelling situation, i.e. doctors and dentists who handle blood products."

No data or response - 7: Harvey Clark

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	Aids			
Foglietta	11	1	NB	11	/			
Gordon	×	×	0	✓	0			

US Congress - District 2

Lucien Blackwell

- ✓ Cosponsored federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill.
- √ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships
 ordinance.

- ✓ Voted against the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ✓ Voted against the ban on immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.
- √ Voted against prohibiting schools from have programs which have "the purpose or
 effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."

Chaka Fattah

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and federal programs.
- ✓ Supports repealing military ban against lesbigay people.
- √ Supports education as a means to prevent Hate Crimes.
- ✓ As a state senator, is a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports increasing funding to fight AIDS, reauthorization of the Ryan White Bill and a budget for AIDS as proposed by AIDS Action Council.
- ✓ Cosponsored a bill in the State Senate to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: Lawrence Watson

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Blackwell	11	✓	NB	//	/		
Fattah	11	✓	✓	✓	✓		

US Congress - District 3

Robert Borski

- √ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships
 ordinance.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided
 protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and supported keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- \boldsymbol{x} Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- **★** Voted to prohibit immigration to the US by HIV+ persons.

John Kates

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs on the basis of sexual orientation.
- √ Supports recognizing same–sex relationships for purposes of income and inheritance taxes.
- ✓ Supports repealing the military ban against lesbigay people.
- Believes HIV testing should be mandatory for everyone.

No data or response - #: Dennis Geske; #: James Hasher

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Borski	✓	/	0	×	/		
Kates	✓	✓	0	✓	0		

US Congress - District 6

Tim Holden

- **★** Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office".
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- * Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- * Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

No data or response - R: Carl Cronrath

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Holden	NB	×	NB	×	×		

US Congress - District 7

Sara Nichols

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations, and federal programs.
- √ Supports recognizing same-sex relationships for purposes of income and inheritance taxes.
- √ Supports repealing the military ban against lesbigay people.
- ✓ Supports mandatory AIDS education in schools and airing public service
 announcements more frequently and when teens are likely to watch.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory AIDS testing and supports confidentiality of HIV status.

Curt Weldon

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- * Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- * Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- * Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

Deborah LaFountain

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- Opposes recognizing same–sex relationships for income and inheritance tax purposes, but she also opposes the recognizing the relationships of heterosexual couples. Her answer is unclear if this applies to married heterosexual couples.
- ✓ Supports repealing the military ban of lesbigay people because she "never felt it
 was constitutional."
- ✓ Sees no reason why AIDS testing should be mandatory.
- ***** "Probably" would not support a bill guaranteeing confidentiality of HIV status "or any other transmittable, potentially fatal disease."

No data or response - #:Therese Mallory

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Nichols	11	1	/	1	1		
Weldon	×	×	/	×	×		
LaFountain	/	0	0	/	0		

US Congress - District 8

Jim Greenwood 🖈

- ✓ Supports prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Supports hate crime legislation.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.

- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- * Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

No data or response - ₱: John Murray

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
Greenwood	/	×	✓	×	0		

US Congress - District 10

Daniel Schreffler

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- √ "It seems that [law] enforcement is lax on those willing to victimize gays."
- √ "The rights of all people must be fought for and protected. That is somewhat a
 cliché, but very much a part of what I and my campaign are about."

Joseph McDade 🚘

- ✓ Voted against codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- * Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- ★ Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ★ Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative"

No data or response - 🐔: John Karlavage, Sean Lannon

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS			
Schreffler	11	/	✓	1	NB			
McDade	NB	×	✓	/	6			

US Congress - District 11

Paul Kanjorski

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.

- ✓ Voted to allow Washington, DC to provide health care benefits to its
 employee's domestic partner.
- * Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- X Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.

No data or response - R: Andrew Podolak

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Kanjorski	××	××	××	××	//	

US Congress - District 13

Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky

- ✓ Cosponsor of Civil Rights of 1993 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, education, credit, housing, the sale of goods or services, use of any public facility, and any federal program.
- ✓ Will support a health care reform plan that will ensure non–discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Has called for more attention to be focused on women's health care and has sponsored legislation which would increase funding for breast and cervical cancer detection by \$35 million.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory AIDS testing.
- √ Voted against prohibiting schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- ✓ Voted against codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- √ Voted to allow Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships
 ordinance.
- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.

Ellen Harley 🖈

✓ As a state legislator, she sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

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*As a state ;legislator, she is a sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response: - R: Gayle Michael, Jon Fox, Michael Becker, John Murray

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Harley	NB	NB	NB	NB	×	
Margolies-M	ezvinsky 🗸	✓	/	//	✓	

US Congress - District 15

Paul McHale

- ✓ Has stated he will vote for the Civil Rights Act of 1993 which would prevent
 discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, education, credit,
 housing, the sale of goods, the use of any public facility, or federal program;
 however, he may have a problem with public accommodations.
- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator.
- * Has a problem equating homosexual and heterosexual relationships, and would not support changes to Military Code that will ensure that hetero- and homosexual behavior is treated exactly the same.
- **≭** Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- * Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.

Jim Yeager 🖈

- Supports current laws prohibiting discrimination, but did not say whether he would support a law that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and federal programs.
- Supports only the current funding for AIDS programs.
- ★ Supports mandatory HIV testing for military personnel and would not support a bill guaranteeing confidentiality of HIV status.

No data or response - R: Bob Kilbanks

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS		
McHale	/	×	✓	×	NB		
Yeager	×	×	×	×	X		

US Congress - District 16

Robert S. Walker 🚘

- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided
 protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- * Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- X Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- ✗ Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

No data or response - A: Donald Tony Hadley, Bill Chertok

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Walker	×	×	✓	××	×	

US Congress - District 17

George Gekas 🖈

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which provided protection against discrimination for people with disabilities, including AIDS.
- Failed to sign a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- **★** Voted to allow employers to discriminate against HIV+ food handlers.
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- ★ Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- Voted to prohibit schools from have programs which have "the purpose or effect of encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."
- Sought, unsuccessfully, to remove sexual orientation from the scope of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act before it passed.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Gekas	×	×	××	××	×	

US Congress - District 19

Bill Goodling 🖈

- ✓ Signed a statement circulated by the Human Rights Campaign Fund reading: "The sexual orientation of an individual is not a consideration in the hiring, promoting, or terminating of an employee in my Congressional office."
- ✓ Supported the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, and keeping sexual orientation in the bill.
- ✓ Believes FDA drug approval must be streamlined and accelerated.
- √ "Federal health care benefits should not discriminate against home care and outpatient
 services when proven to be as effective and economical."
- Believes greater emphasis should be placed on abstinence as the only completely effective means of avoiding contracting AIDS.
- ★ When asked if he would support and actively work for a non-discrimination bill based on sexual orientation, he responded, "At this time, I will not support policies which would give any one group unwarranted, preferential treatment over others." He implied current laws "give all citizens equal protection under the law."
- ★ Supported anti-lesbigay legislation which would have prohibited schools from stating that homosexuality is "normal, natural or healthy."
- * Voted for the codification of the ban against lesbigay people in the military.
- * "Service in the military is not a right. The military is not a social or political body, nor is it a place for social experimentation. Individuals sacrifice a great many liberties in the name of discipline, and discipline is essential to an effective military. On this point I cannot be swayed. Quite simply, I have serious reservations about reducing the readiness and effectiveness of our armed forces."
- * Voted against allowing HIV+ individuals from immigrating to the US.
- ★ Voted against allowing Washington, DC to implement its domestic partnerships ordinance.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Couples	Violence	Military	AIDS	
Goodling	×	××	0	××	×	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 2

Bruce Marks 🗭

✓ Has indicated favorable positions to the lesbigay community in the past, but did not response to questionnaire.

No data or response – 🗗: Charles Cooper, Harvey Rice, Tina Tartaglione

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Marks	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

Allyson Schwartz

- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance
 payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- ✓ Supports recognition of same-sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hates Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports increases in the AIDS budget.

Tom Scott A

- ✓ Would support a bill prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- √ Supports recognition of same–sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Would cosponsor the Hates Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Schwartz	11	1	/	11	/	/	
Scott	/	NB	/	11	NB	NB	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 6

No data or response - ₹: Martin O'Rourke, John Cordisco; ♠: Robert Tommy Tomlinson

Pennsylvania Senate - District 8

Hardy Williams

- ✓ Cosponsor of the Hates Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance
 payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🖈: Fatima Williams

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Williams	NB	NB	NB	11	/	/	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 10

David Heckler

✓ Cosponsor and strong proponent of the Hates Crimes Bill. As a state legislator, spoke in favor of the bill when it was being debated on the House floor.

✓ From the floor debate on the PA Hate Crimes Bill, when he was in the House: "The gentleman... suggested to you that homosexuality is not a cherished value that we want to pass on to our children. I would suggest that he misses the point. Neither race nor ethnic origin nor homosexuality is the cherished value we are here to protect. The cherished value... is that we live in a society which will not tolerate intimidation and violence directed at any hated group within our society.... and I would suggest that the legislation before us today is entirely consistent and is needed to carry forward that purpose."

No data or response - #: Susan E. Hauser

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Heckler	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	NB	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 12

Anthony Repici

- ✓ Supports some type of legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ★ Believes a parent's sexual orientation should be a material factor, but not a determining factor, in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✗ Believes insurance companies should not be allowed to deny coverage or raise rates based on sexual orientation, "but sexual practices factors may be considered."

Stewart Greenleaf 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Repici	NB	×	/	0	0	NB		
Greenleaf	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	/		

Pennsylvania Senate - District 14

Raphael Musto

- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- Has hinted at being supportive of the Hate Crimes Bill, saying that the Human Relations Commission wants to see it passed, but has yet to commit.
- Originally a cosponsor of the Hate Crimes Bill, he withdrew his name from the bill without explanation. However, currently seems supportive of the bill.

Neil O'Donnell

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Would "strongly consider" supporting a bill for lesbigay civil rights, but "I'm not definitive."

No data or response - #: Frank Trinisewski; #: John Ford

Candidate Rating Table Name Equality Custody Couples Violence Insurance AIDS							
O'Donnell	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	NB	

Roy Afflerbach

- ✓ Has stated he will support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Robert Smith

- Willing to meet with representatives of the lesbigay community.
- Will study the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Afflerbach	1	NB	NB	V	NB	NB			
Smith	NB	NB	NB	0	NB	NB			

Pennsylvania Senate - District 18

Bob Freeman

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports an increase in AIDS funding of 12% over last year's budget.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and voted for HIV Confidentiality Act.
- √ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill as a state legislator and will support it as a state senator.
- ✓ "It is the content of a person's character that we should judge people by, not their race, creed, religion, or sex/sexual orientation."
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance
 payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- Believes that all factors should be considered in custody, adoption and foster care decisons; however, sexual orientation should not be placed above any other factors.

Peg Ferraro

* Has repeatedly failed to respond to our questionnaire over the past two years.

Joseph Uliana 🖈

✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - ": Jim Mazza

	Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS				
Freeman	/	×	×	/	✓	/				
Uliana	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1				

Charles Lemmond, Jr. 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Lemmond	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1	

Pennsylvania Senate - District 22

Robert Mellow

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - R: Edward Zitterman

		Candida	te Rating 7	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Mellow	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1

Pennsylvania Senate - District 24

Edwin Holl R

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - #: Tom Warms

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Holl	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	1		

Pennsylvania Senate - District 26

Joseph Loeper 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Responded to questionnaire with a letter stating he would prefer to run on his record rather than answering hypothetical questions.

No data or response - ": Debbie Thomas

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Loeper	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	✓			

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Mike Bortner

✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill while serving as a state legislator.

Dan Delp 🖈

- * Will not support legislation prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.
- Believes sexual orientation should be an influencing or determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions, but declined to explain reasoning.
- * Will not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- *Although he does not believe health and life insurance companies should be able to deny insurance based upon sexual orientation, he believes they should be able to raise rates based upon it.
- Believes in mandatory HIV testing for health care workers, and opposes the HIV Confidentiality Act, but fails to offer any idea on how he would deal with the AIDS crisis.

No data or response – 🖈: Tom Skehan

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Bortner	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	NB			
Delp	×	××	××	×	×	×			

Pennsylvania Senate - District 36

Noah Wenger 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Wenger	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	/

Pennsylvania Senate - District 44

Barry Robertson

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports HIV confidentiality, except in criminal cases.
- √ Would support legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- # HIV testing should be mandatory for everyone.
- Believes sexual orientation should a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions "I don't believe the lifestyle is good for child rearing."

No data or response - ♠: Joel Adams, Jim Gerlach, Timothy McCloskey

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Robertson	1	×	1	✓	/	0		

David Brightbill 🖈

✓ Voted for the HIV Confidentiality Act.

No data or response - A: Kathleen Hughes-Manzella; A: Bob Ladd

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Brightbill	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	/	

State House - District 13

Susan Bernadzikowski

- ✓ Believes sexual conduct, not sexual orientation, should be a determining or
 influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- ✓ Would support some legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ "I consider the civil rights of gay and lesbian voters equal to those of other law
 abiding citizens."
- Would look into adding sexual orientation of Human Relations Act.

Art Hershey 🖈

- ✗ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ** Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - 🖈: James McLeod

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Bernadziko	wski 0	/	/	NB	NB	NB			
Hershey	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××			

State House - District 18

No data or response – 🏲: Lee McBride; 🛣: Carol Coren, Joseph Szafran, Gene DiGirolamo

State House - District 28

No data or response - #: Victor Rossi, Jr.; # : Timothy Hennessey

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Margaret Dissinger

- No opinion yet on adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act
- Believes sexual orientation should not be the "sole determinant" in custody decisions.
- Needs to study same-sex marriage or domestic partners.
- Needs to study Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ "I am against any form of discrimination. We need to educate people more
 fully about human sexuality so that knee jerk reactions of bias and fear which
 occur so often can be reduced and the hate mongering of anti-gay radical
 groups can be eradicated."

No data or response - R: David Steil

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Dissinger	0	0	0	0	NB	NB		

State House - District 37

Katie True 🗭

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
True	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		

State House - District 43

Jere Schuler

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Schuler	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		

Albert Rieck

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and supports the HIV Confidentiality Law
- * Would not support adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.
- Believes sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- * Does not support a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.

Robert Godshall R

- Did not respond to our questionnaire but sent a letter stating he prefers to run on his record after 12 years in the House.
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- *Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Godshall	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	××			
Rieck	×	×	×	/	/	NB			

State House - District 61

Joseph Gladeck 🖈

★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Gladeck	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

State House - District 68

No data or response - R: Matthew Baker

State House - District 70

John Fichter 🖈

** Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Fichter	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		
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Bruce Smith

- Did not respond to our questionnaire, but sent a letter stating he could not answer it because legislation can change as it goes through the legislative process. But he also said "My office door will continue to be open for you."
- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

		Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Smith	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 93

- Mike Waugh Relieves sexual orientation should be used as a factor in making custody, adoption, and foster care decisions, but should not be used as the deciding factor.
 - * Does not support including sexual orientation in the Human Relations Act.
 - **✗** Does not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
 - * Believes insurance companies should be able to adjust their rates based upon a person's sexual orientation.
 - * Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.
 - "Be private, be careful, be considerate."

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Waugh	×	×	××	××	××	×		

State House - District 94

No data or response - M: Michael Della Penna III; M: Stan Saylor

State House - District 95

Stephen Stetler

- ✓ Willing to support recognition of domestic partnerships for same–sex couples.
- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ "I fervently believe that all people are created equal and should not be judged on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, or sexual orientation."

Stan Shepp A

✓ Would support recognition of same—sex couples "if the commitment is the same including divorce proceedings."

- "Whether straight or gay... save yourself for Mr/Mrs right. Try to stop the 'free love' message. Love isn't free... it comes with consequences."
- "Children need a mother and a father. Not 2 mothers or 2 fathers. Many children... would be subject to taunting and teasing.... If all else was equal, I would give custody to the 'straight' parent."

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Shepp	0	××	/	×	××	0			
Stetler	//	/	✓	✓	1	0			

Mike Sturla

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Cosponsor of a bill to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: Stephen McDonald

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Sturla	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	/	

State House - District 97

Jere Strittmatter 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

		Candida	te Rating 7	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Strittmatter	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 98

Thomas Armstrong 🖈

★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Armstrong	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	×		

State House - District 99

Bob Brenneman 🖈

- * Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- * Does not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- **★** Does not support the recognition of same–sex couples.

- Believes insurance companies should be able to deny policies based upon sexual orientation.
- * Doesn't ideas at all to offer on AIDS.

No data or responses - ★: Quintin Eisemann; ★: Leroy Zimmerman, Jim Risser, A. Anthony Kilkuskie

		Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Brenneman	××	××	××	××	××	××	

State House - District 100

John Barley 🖈

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Introduced legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, andremove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - ₩: John Carter

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Barley	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 101

Edward Krebs 🖈

Declined to answer questionnaire as a matter of policy, and said he welcomes people to meet with him to discuss legislation.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Krebs	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	

State House - District 102

No data or response - : Peter Zug

State House - District 103

Ron Buxton

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- √ Supports recognition of same–sex domestic partnerships.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: James Porter; ★: Debra Cruel

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Buxton	/	/	1	✓	1	NB		

Jeff Piccola

- ★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- * Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- Says "I am the recognized leader in the House of Representatives on criminal justice issues and I have a strong record in the fight against crime." Yet, he continues to oppose the Hate Crimes Bill even though he voted in favor of the original hate crimes legislation, which did not have sexual orientation included.

No data or response - #: Eric Fillman, Mark Chase Schneier; #: Debra Cruel

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Piccola	×	×	×	××	×	××

State House - District 105

Ron Marsico

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Marsico	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 106

No data or response - 🖈: Frank Tulli, Jr.

State House - District 107

Robert Belfanti

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Chris Pfaff

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Belfanti	NB	NB	NB		NB	NB

State House - District 108

Merle Phillips 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Phillips	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

State House - District 109

No data or response - ₹: John Gordner; ₹: Frank Omlor

Scot Chadwick A

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Asher Morris

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Chadwick	NB	NB	NB		NB	NB

State House - District 111

Sandra Major 🖈

Did not complete questionnaire, but expressed willingness to meet after the primary.

Shirley Masters A

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Believes good AIDS education and testing can help limit its spread.
- **≭** Feels recognition of same–sex domestic partners is "unnecessary"
- * Does not support the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Believes sexual orientation should play a part in making custody, adoption and foster care decisions. "A child needs the influence of male and female parents... we must support the combination of mother and father."

No data or response - ₹: Ron Williams; ₹: Jerry Morgan

	Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Major	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB		
Masters	/	×	×	×	✓	/		

State House - District 112

Fred Belardi

★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Belardi	NB	NB	NB	**	NB	NB	

State House - District 113

Gaynor Cawley M

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Cawley	NB	NB	NB		NB	NB	

Frank Serafini 🖈

X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - A: Michael Giannette

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Serafini	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 115

Edward Staback

- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

		Гable				
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Staback	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××

State House - District 116

Tom Stish

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✗ Introduced legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- Cosponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - R: Susan Parrick

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Stish	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	xx	

George Hasay 😭

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ★ Sponsoring legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - #: Ray Whalen

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Hasay	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 118

Thomas Tigue

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

* Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - A: Charles Sperrazza

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Tigue	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	××		

State House - District 119

Stanley Jarolin

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: David Shipula

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Jarolin	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB			

Phyllis Mundy

✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Norm Gavlick, Jr.

		Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Mundy	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB	

State House - District 121

Kevin Blaum

- ✓ Says hate crimes are "fundamentally wrong" and supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

 Has previously voted for the bill.
- Blaum is not prepared to support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act. "The Bishop has raised numerous questions. That concerns me."

John Gibbons 🖈

- * Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Has organized right-wing reactionary opposition to civil rights legislation based on sexual orientation in Wilkes-Barre.
- **x** Equates homosexuality with pedophilia.

Rodger Heydt 🖈

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Says he believes homosexuality is immoral under all circumstances, but will approach the subject of civil rights with an open mind.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Blaum	0	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB		
Gibbons	××	××	××	××	NB	NB		
Heydt	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB		

State House - District 122

Keith McCall

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
McCall	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××		

Edward Lucyk

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Ted Koval

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Lucyk	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

State House - District 124

David Argall 🖈

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

		Candida	te Rating 7	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Argall	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	/

State House - District 125

Bob Allen 🖈

★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Allen	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB			

State House - District 126

No data or response - #: Dante Santoni; #: John Ulrich

State House - District 127

Thomas Caltagirone

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Caltagirone	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB		

Samuel Rohrer A

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - #: Jonathan Meter

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Rohrer	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		

State House - District 129

John Liss

- * Does not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ***** Believes sexual orientation should be a determining or influencing factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- * Supports mandatory HIV testing for everyone .
- ***** "I have no problem with Gay + Lesbian community but don't look for me to make it appear that they are the norm."

Sheila Miller 🖈

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couple	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Liss	×	×	×	NB	/	NB		
Miller	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××		

State House - District 130

Dennis Leh 🖈

- * Has repeatedly attacked the lesbigay community. He is one of the most vocally anti-lesbigay state legislators.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill. The following quotes of his came during debate on the bill on the House floor.
- "The greatest perpetrators of hate against homosexuals come from within their own community -- those who knowingly infect others with the AIDS disease."
- * "This [the bill and 'recognizing homosexual behavior as an alternative lifestyle', as he claims the bill requires] is not only offensive to me but to all the decent, legitimate minorities in Pennsylvania. These people whom we are going to give this privileged minority status to are not simply the gentlemen who like to walk around holding hands. They do have an agenda. Their agenda is to turn our society upside down... This bill will require us to remove the slogan 'America Starts Here' to [sic] 'America Ends Here,' because sodomy has always resulted in the collapse of a civilization."
- ***** "This [lesbigay sexual orientation] is a choice that these people make. They are not naturally inclined to this lifestyle, if that is what you wish to called it."

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Leh	××	××	××	××	NB	××	

Mark Calafati

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports more education about AIDS, especially among heterosexual youth, and supports more advertising about proper use of condoms to prevent AIDS.

James Ritter

- ✓ Opposed discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - M: Daniel Dougherty, David Howells; M: Pat Browne

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Calafati	/	1	/	/	✓	/			
Ritter	/	NB	NB	/	NB	NB			

State House - District 132

Charles Dent R

- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Is on the Board of Directors for AIDSNET, the regions largest funding source for AIDS service organizations.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Responded by phone and asked to meet with LGLV representatives.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Dent	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	11		

State House - District 133

No data or response - ₹: T.J. Rooney; ★: Andy Roman

State House - District 134

Don Snyder 🖈

- ✓ Voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

		Table .				
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Snyder	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	1

State House - District 135

Ladd Siftar

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- √ Supports a legal equivalent of marriage or domestic partnership for same–sex couples.
- ✓ Supports a 12% increase in AIDS funding.

No data or response - ": Lisa Boscola; : Pamela Opp, Martha Cusimano

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Siftar	1	1	1	1	✓	/		

State House - District 136

No data or response - ₹: Joseph Corpora, Sandy DePaul; ★: Richard Orleman, Brian Leidy

State House - District 137

Leonard Gruppo 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

		Candida	te Rating 7	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Gruppo	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

Bob Nyce 🖈

** Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

		Candida	te Rating T	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Nyce	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	XX

State House - District 139

Jerry Birmelin 🖈

- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- * Actively opposed and voted against the Hate Crimes Bill. The following quotes of his came during debate on the bill on the House floor.]
- * "Pennsylvania does not even grant homosexuals the civil rights protection... And I do not believe that we should tamper with this delicate balance which keeps our law neutral on this controversial and divisive issue of homosexual conduct."
- ****** "... the bill is part of an agenda of the gay community to validate and give legal standing to lifestyles that millions of Pennsylvanians find offensive to their most fundamental moral beliefs..."

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Birmelin	××	××	××	××	NB	××

State House - District 140

Thomas Corrigan

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

John Poltonowicz 🖈

- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing and supports the HIV confidentiality law.
- ✓ Believes that sexual orientation should not be a determining or influencing factor in custody decisions.
- Believes that sexual orientation should be used "at certain times to deny a person's opportunity to adopt," but in most cases decisions should not be based on sexual orientation.
- * Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.

* Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Kenneth Snyder, William Mullen

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Corrigan	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		
Poltonowicz	×	0	×	×	✓	NB		

State House - District 141

Anthony Melio

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

- ★ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.
- ★ Sponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - R: Michael Fitzpatrick

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Melio	NB	(NB	NB	✓	NB	××		

State House - District 142

No data or response - #: Paul Hastings; # : Matthew Wright

State House - District 143

No data or response - ₹: Thomas Connor; ₹: Joe Conti

State House - District 144

No data or response - ₹: Maria Woods; ₹: Thomas Druce, Reginald Snyder

State House - District 145

Paul Clymer A

- ★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.
- Sponsor of legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - 7: Tony Molace

Candidate Rating Table									
Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS				
NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××				
•		Equality Custody	Equality Custody Couples	Equality Custody Couples Violence	Equality Custody Couples Violence Insurance				

Robert Reber 🖈

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Christopher Spaulding

		Candida	te Rating	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Reber	NB	NB	NB	/	NB	NB

State House - District 147

Raymond Bunt 🖈

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - F: Deborah Camerota

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Bunt	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××

State House - District 148

Jon Rivkind

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- \checkmark Supports recognition of a legal equivalent of marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill which would give harsher penalties for crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory HIV testing.

Lita Indzel Cohen 😭

- ✓ Would cosponsor a bill to add sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports recognition of a legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill which would give harsher penalties for crimes motivated by the victims sexual orientation.
- ✓ Favors placing greater emphasis on AIDS education, starting at a younger age.
- ✓ Opposes mandatory testing and supports the HIV Confidentiality Law.
- ✓ Sponsor of legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Cohen	11	/	1	/	/	11		
Rivkind	✓	/	1	✓	✓	NB		

Felice Wiener

- ✓ Would support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports a legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- → Opposes mandatory HIV testing, except in area of health care.

No data or response – 希: Mac Butcher, Angelo Faragall, Colleen Sheehan, Fiore Vagnozzi

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Wiener	/	/	/	1	✓	1			

State House - District 150

John Lawless 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: Nicholas Berry

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Lawless	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 151

No data or response - ₱: Charles Bolig, Ronald Levicoff; ♠: Eugene McGill

State House - District 152

Roy Cornell A

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - #: Dennis Kapustin

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Cornell	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	××		

No data or response - #: David Barol; # : Bud Hannings, Ellen Bard

State House - District 154

No data or response - A: Lawrence Curry; A: Val Wilson

State House - District 155

No data or response – 🖈: Barbara Kenna, Jim Fogerty, Curt Schroder

State House - District 156

Elinor Taylor 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Taylor	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 157

No data or response - R: Carole Rubley

State House - District 158

Libby Swingle

- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody decision, as well as in adoption or foster care applications.
- * Opposes adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- * Opposes recognition of marriage or domestic partners for same-sex couples.

Joseph Pitts 🖈

- **★** Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - R: Chris Ross

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Pitts	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××		
Swingle	×	/	×	NB	✓	NB		

No data or response - #: Thaddeus Kirkland; #: John Nail

State House - District 160

Harry Seth

- ✓ Conditionally supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ** Believes sexual orientation should be a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions "because male-female sexual orientation is a normal practice in a family atmosphere."
- ★ Does not support recognition of same–sex domestic partners because "a normal marriage is man & woman."
- Believes insurance companies should be able to deny coverage to lesbigay people and they should be able to raise rates because of sexual orientation because "the health risk is greater"
- Supports mandatory HIV testing for health care professionals and prisoners
- "Please abstain from unsafe sex."

Kathrynann Durham 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Durham	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		
Seth	0	×	×	NB	×	×		

State House - District 161

Tom Gannon 🗩

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Gannon	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB			

State House - District 162

Ron Raymond A

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ** Sponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

■ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response – M: Larry Platt

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Raymond	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××	

State House - District 163

Nicholas Micozzie

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Micozzie	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB

State House - District 164

Mario Civera

X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - #: Noel Hubler

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Civera	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 165

William Adolph 🖈

- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - A: Carl Johnson

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Adolph	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××

Joseph Breslin 🖈

- * Would not support adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- * Would not appoint an openly lesbigay person to his staff.
- Believes that sexual orientation should be a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster parent decisions because "If nature wished same-sex persons to have children then why can't they!"
- * Opposes the PA Hate Crimes Bill.
- **★** Supports mandatory HIV testing, "for all persons who refuse disclosure" for "protection of other workers."
- * Opposes HIV Confidentiality Law.
- * Says lesbigay people should "seek professional help and try religion."

No data or response - #: Greg Vitali; #: Jim Marks, Christopher Freind - R

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Breslin	××	××	××	×	✓	××		

State House - District 167

Bob Flick

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Flick	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB		

State House - District 168

Matthew Ryan 🖈

- Did not answer questionnaire, but rather stated he would prefer to run on his 32 years as a state legislator.
- * Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Ryan	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

Dennis O'Brien 🖈

* Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - D: Michael McGuigan

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
O'Brien	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 170

George Kenney 😭

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

★ Cosponsor of legislation which would repeal significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove many safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status and requirements for consent before testing.

No data or response - ₹: Lisa O'Mara

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Kenney	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	××		

State House - District 172

John Perzel 🖈

★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ": Barry Rankin

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Perzel	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

State House - District 173

Gail Maria 🖈

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act
- ✓ Supports the recognition of legal equivalent marriage for same– sex couples
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: Michael McGeehan

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Maria	1	1	1	1	/	NB		

Alan Butkovitz

✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: Stanley Boos

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Butkovitz	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	11

State House - District 175

Marie Lederer

■ Sponsored legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - ₩: Joe Lonegan

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Lederer	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	××

State House - District 176

Chris Wogan 🖈

- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ★ Sponsored legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

	-	Candida	te Rating	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Wogan	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	××

State House - District 177

John Taylor 🖈

★ Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Taylor	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	NB	

Roy Reinard R

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ₹: Marcy Spingler

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Reinard	NB	NB	NB	✓	NB	NB	

State House - District 179

William Rieger

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

Frank Garcia

- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody, adoption and foster care decisions.
- √ Supports a legal equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- * Does not support adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.

No data or response - ₱: Fred Ramirez; ₱: Jon Mirowitz

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Garcia	×	1	/	/	✓	NB			
Reiger	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	NB			

State House - District 180

Ralph Acosta 📂

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - M: Benjamin Ramos; M: Joseph Broderick

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Acosta	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11		

Curtis Thomas

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Michael Kendrick

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act .
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: William Harrison

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Kendrick	✓	/	NB	✓	/	0			
Thomas	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11			

State House - District 182

Babette Josephs

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the recognition of same-sex marriage or a legal equivalent.
- ✓ Introduced the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Opposes the corporate tax cut on the basis that the money could be spent in the fight against AIDS.
- √ Stresses the importance of grassroots programs to fight AIDS.
- ✓ Supports increased education, needle exchange programs, condom distribution in high schools to prevent spread of HIV infection.
- ✓ Wrote the HIV Confidentiality Law and opposes mandatory HIV testing.
- ✓ Working on legislation which would allow parents with HIV/AIDS to set up temporary guardianships for their children.

No data or response - R: Pauline DeMarco Davis

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Josephs	11	✓	✓	//	✓	//			

Frank Yandrisevits

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - R: Julie Harhart, Forrest Rohn

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Yandrisevits	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	NB

State House - District 184

William Keller

★ Sponsored legislation requiring HIV+ physicians and dentists to provide written notice of status to patients and facilities where they are employed.

No data or response - R: Brian Brignola

	-	Candida	te Rating 7	Table		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Keller	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	×

State House - District 185

Robert Donatucci

- * Voted against the PA Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🖈: John Dougherty

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Donatucci	NB	NB	NB	××	NB	/		

State House - District 186

Julius Curry M

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports same-sex marriage or a legal equivalent.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

Harold James

- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - #: Edward Nesmith; # : Anthony Meglio

Candidate Rating Table									
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS			
Curry	1	/	1	/	1	NB			
James	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11			

Paul Semmel A

- X Voted against the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Semmel	NB	NB	NB		NB	✓	

State House - District 188

Rufus Lynch

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody decisions
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ** Believes sexual orientation should be a determining factor in adoption and foster parent applications, because "Children needing foster care are already at risk. I would be concerned about the potential for causing greater risk by placing the children in a situation which is not accepted by the society in general or is likely to create open hostility or both."
- * Opposed recognition of same-sex marriage or a legal equivalent.

James Roebuck

- √ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🐔: Ali Robinson; 🖈: Herman Carden

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Lynch	✓	0	×	/	/	/		
Roebuck	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11		

State House - District 189

Joseph Battisto M

✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.

■ Sponsor of legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - R: Bob Moore

		Candida	te Rating T	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Battisto	NB	NB	NB	1	NB	××

State House - District 190

Vincent Hughes

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

		Candida	te Rating	Γable		
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Hughes	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11

State House - District 191

Anthony Williams

- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

Paul C. Moore A

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports the HIV Confidentiality Act.
- * Opposes recognition of marriage or a legal equivalent for same–sex couples.
- ★ Opposes the Hate Crimes Bill.
- Believes HIV testing should be mandatory for everyone.

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Moore	1	/	×	×	✓	/		
Williams	NB	NB	/	NB	11			

State House - District 192

Louise Bishop

- ✓ Cosponsored Hate Crime Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: John Calabro

	Candidate Rating Table						
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS	
Bishop	NB	NB	NB	//	NB	//	

No data or response - R: Steven Nickol

State House - District 194

Kathy Manderino

✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - R: Thomas Quigley

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Manderino	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB	11		

State House - District 195

Frank Oliver

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Believes sexual orientation should not be a determining factor in custody adoption or foster care decisions, "unless the person's sexual orientation hetero, homo, or bi causes an adverse impact on the child involved."
- ✓ Voted in favor of the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Supports more spending to promote safe sex message.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.
- * Opposes recognition of marriage or legal equivalent for same sex couples.

No data or response - ₹: Joseph Roberts; ₹: David Thomsen

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Oliver	1	1	×	1	✓	11		

State House - District 196

No data or response - ₹: Colleen Burkett; ★: Todd Platts

State House - District 197

Andrew Carn M

- ✓ Cosponsored the PA Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ Sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

	Candidate Rating Table					
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS
Carn	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	11

John Petro A

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports recognition of marriage or legal equivalent to same–sex couples.
- ✓ Supports the Hate Crimes Bill.

No data or response - ★: Andrew Ross, John Connelly, Charles Green, Rosita Youngblood; ★: Michael Matkovic

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Petro	/	/	/	/	✓	/		

State House - District 200

No data or response - ₱: Leanna Washington; ♠: Randy Urquhart

State House - District 201

David Richardson

- ✓ Cosponsored the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ As a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, she sponsored legislation to establish a pilot program to continue health insurance payments for PWAs and HIV+ persons who couldn't afford the premiums.

No data or response - 🖈: Rosa Bonds

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Richardson	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	//		

State House - District 202

Mark Cohen

- ✓ Cosponsored and strongly advocated for the Hate Crimes Bill..
- ✓ From the debate on the Hate Crimes Bill: "They [lesbigay people] are human beings created by God whom we have to represent, and we are not going to represent them by ignoring them, by making speeches appealing to fears... of constituents."
- ★ Sponsoring legislation which would repeal essentially all significant portions of the HIV Confidentiality Law. The effect would be to allow non-consensual HIV testing with little justification, institute contact tracing and name reporting, make it easier to get a court order to perform and disclose the results of an HIV test, and to remove most safeguards to the confidentiality of a person's HIV status.

No data or response - ₱: Jesse Cooper, Sr.; ₱: Grace Brogan

	Candidate Rating Table							
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Cohen	NB	NB	NB	11	NB	××		

State House - District 203

Dwight Evans

- ✓ Supports adding sexual orientation to the PA Human Relations Act.
- ✓ Supports marriage or legal equivalent for same-sex couples.
- ✓ Cosponsor the Hate Crimes Bill.
- ✓ As chair of the House Appropriations Committee, conducted a hearing on AIDS programs and funding in addition to the regular budget hearings

No data or response - A: Stanley Gaines

Candidate Rating Table								
Name	Equality	Custody	Couples	Violence	Insurance	AIDS		
Evans	✓	✓	✓	11	✓	✓		

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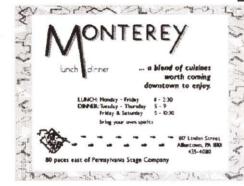
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